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RHODE ISLAND JOBS INCREASE BY 2,000 IN SEPTEMBER TO 452,100

Total establishment employment in Rhode Island rose by 2,000 jobs in September to its highest level this year. The overall monthly increase was primarily the result of seasonal gains in the Nonmanufacturing sector, along with some additional hiring in the Manufacturing sector, reported John S. Renza, Director of the Rhode Island Department of Employment Security.

According to preliminary estimates prepared by the Department of Employment Security in cooperation with the U.S. Department of Labor's Bureau of Labor Statistics, Rhode Island employment totalled 452,100 in September. This figure represents a gain of 2,000 jobs from the August level and is 6,100 above the September 1986 total of 446,000.

MANUFACTURING

Overall manufacturing employment in Rhode Island increased by 700 on both a monthly and an annual basis to the current figure of 121,100. In the Durable Goods category, the September employment total of 82,800 was up 400 from the prior month and was 200 more than the figure recorded a year ago. Employment in the Nondurable Goods producing industries increased 300 in the August-September period to a level of 38,300, which was 500 above the September 1986 total.

Within the Durable Goods category, monthly job gains in Transportation Equipment (+200), Jewelry-Silverware (+200) and Primary Metals (+100) more than offset a decrease of 100 in Fabricated Metals. The remaining Durable Goods industries were unchanged from their August employment levels. Compared to a year ago, the largest employment advance in the Durable Goods category was re-

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EMPLOYERS! LIST YOUR HOLIDAY JOB OPENINGS WITH THE RHODE ISLAND JOB SERVICE

Are you a retailer planning to hire additional sales people for the approaching holiday season? Perhaps a manufacturer considering the addition of another shift or adding part-time or full-time help to your present shift?

The Rhode Island Job Service is the State's largest single source of job-ready applicants. Now is the time to list your openings with the Job Service. Our responsibility is to work with employers across the entire spectrum of the work force, providing a full range of employees from the assembly line to the front office. Professional job interviewers in each of our ten local offices will screen and refer applicants for your consideration. You make the final selection. We can also assist you in describing your jobs accurately as you prepare your job orders. This saves you, or your personnel staff, valuable time and money in recruiting and interviewing.

For more than fifty years, Job Service has been working hard to keep Americans — and Rhode Islanders — working; a dependable community source of qualified applicants for Rhode Island employers.

Now is the time to list your holiday hiring needs with the Job Service. Call the Job Bank at 277-3588 (or toll-free Enterprise 2265) or any local office of the Rhode Island Job Service listed on page two of this Bulletin. Thank you.

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AN IMPORTANT REMINDER TO EMPLOYERS

Employment Security and Temporary Disability Insurance reports of employment wages and taxes for the quarter ending September 30, 1987, must be filed by October 31, 1987, with the Department of Employment Security, 24 Mason Street, Providence, R.I. Failure to make these reports and to pay required taxes by the due date will make employers liable to penalties and additional interest charges. "No payroll" reports must be submitted in those cases where no wages were paid during the quarter covered by the report.

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RHODE ISLAND JOB SERVICE OFFICES

BRISTOL COUNTY, 470 Metacom Ave . . .245-9300
EAST PROVIDENCE, 877 Broadway 277-3546
NEWPORT COUNTY, 73 Valley Road
Middletown 847-3680
PAWTUCKET, 109 Main St. 722-7500
PROVIDENCE, 130 West Exchange St.
Employer Services 277-3573
Jewelry 277-3553
Manufacturing & Construction 277-3556
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TJTC Job Orders. 277-3588
CALL-A-TEEN . . . .Call your local Job Service Office
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EMPLOYMENT SERVICE ACTIVITIES

	Sept. 1987	Aug. 1987	Sept. 1986
Total Placements	2,173	1,007	2,495
New Applications	3,427	2,207	4,225
New Openings Rec'd.	2,472	2,455	3,602

EMPLOYMENT SECURITY ACTIVITIES

	Sept. 1987	Aug. 1987	% Change Aug. 1987
Initial Claims	3,736	4,456	- 16.2
No. of Payments	32,572	36,642	- 11.1
Amt. of Payments	$ 4,375,067	$ 4,789,151	- 8.6
Exhaustions	761	796	- 4.4

TEMPORARY DISABILITY INSURANCE ACTIVITIES

	Sept. 1987	Aug. 1987	Sept. 1986
Initial Claims	3,450	3,455	2,890
No. of Payments	26,069	27,366	24,845
Amt. of Payments	$ 4,173,013	$ 4,378,869	$ 3,551,303

RHODE ISLAND
Labor Force-Unemployment Estimates
(In thousands)

	Sept. 1987	Aug. 1987	Sept. 1986
Civilian Labor Force	522.6	520.6	511.8
Unemployment	16.0	18.3	18.2
Rate (Unadjusted)	3.1	3.5	3.6
Seas. Adjusted Rate	3.6	3.7	4.1

PROVIDENCE
Primary Metropolitan Statistical Area
Labor Force-Unemployment Estimates
(In thousands)

	Aug. 1987	July 1987	Aug. 1986
Civilian Labor Force	336.4	332.7	330.6
Unemployment	11.7	13.2	12.7
Rate (Unadjusted)	3.5	4.0	3.8

PAWTUCKET-WOONSOCKET-ATTLEBORO
Primary Metropolitan Statistical Area
Labor Force-Unemployment Estimates
(In thousands)

	Aug. 1987	July 1987	Aug. 1986
Civilian Labor Force	168.6	166.1	167.1
Unemployment	6.7	7.2	8.0
Rate (Unadjusted)	4.0	4.3	4.8

NEWPORT Labor Area
Labor Force-Unemployment Estimates

	Aug. 1987	July 1987	Aug. 1986
Civilian Labor Force	36,520	36,275	36,330
Unemployment	950	1,010	975
Rate (Unadjusted)	2.6	2.8	2.7

CHARACTERISTICS OF THE INSURED UNEMPLOYED
AUGUST 17-21, 1987

Sex and Age	Number	Percent
Total	10,246	100.0
Men	4,360	42.5
Under 45	2,974	68.2
45 and over	1,386	31.8
Women	5,886	57.4
Under 45	3,405	57.8
45 and Over	2,481	42.2
Industry Attachment		
Contract Construction	355	3.5
Manufactruing	4,422	43.1
Public Utilities	878	8.6
Wholesale and Retail	1,756	17.1
Finance, Insurance & Real Estate	354	3.5
Service	1,880	18.3
All Other	601	5.9
Occupational Skills		
Prof., Tech. and Managerial	1,818	17.7
Clerical and Sales	2,588	25.3
Service	1,171	11.4
Fishery, Forestry & Rel. Occ.	31	0.3
Processing	200	2.0
Machine Trades	1,125	11.0
Bench Work	1,140	11.1
Structural Work	662	6.5
Miscellaneous	1,510	14.7
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TOTAL ESTABLISHMENT EMPLOYMENT IN RHODE ISLAND

	EMPLOYMENT IN THOUSANDS			NET CHANGE FROM	
	Sept. 1987	Aug. 1987	Sept. 1986	Aug. 1987	Sept. 1986
TOTAL EMPLOYMENT *	452.1	450.1	446.0	+ 2,000	+ 6,100
MANUFACTURING	121.1	120.4	120.4	+ 700	+ 700
NONMANUFACTURING	331.0	329.7	325.6	+ 1,300	+ 5,400
CONTRACT CONSTRUCTION	19.4	19.3	18.3	+ 100	+ 1,100
TRANSPORTATION & PUBLIC UTILITIES	15.3	15.3	15.1	-	+ 200
TRADE (Wholesale & Retail)	102.3	102.0	101.1	+ 300	+ 1,200
FINANCE, INSURANCE & REAL ESTATE	25.5	25.7	25.0	- 200	+ 500
SERVICE (Miscellaneous)	111.7	111.3	109.2	+ 400	+ 2,500
GOVERNMENT (Federal, State & Local)	56.8	56.1	56.9**	+ 700	- 100

1987 Figures are PRELIMINARY. 1986 Figures are REVISED. Estimates are for Pay Period which includes the 12th of the month.

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* Farmers, Self-employed, Domestic and Armed Services personnel are excluded.
** Labor Dispute

ESTABLISHMENT EMPLOYMENT, EARNINGS AND HOURS IN MANUFACTURING INDUSTRIES IN R.I.

	EMPLOYMENT					PRODUCTION-WORKER AVERAGES					
	In Thousands			Net Change From		Weekly Earnings		Weekly Hours		Hourly Earnings	
INDUSTRY GROUP	Sept. 1987	Aug. 1987	Sept. 1986	Aug. 1987	Sept. 1986	Sept. 1987	Sept. 1986	Sept. 1987	Sept. 1986	Sept. 1987	Sept. 1986
ALL MANUFACTURING	121.1	120.4	120.4	+700	+700	332.00	321.57	40.0	40.5	8.30	7.94
DURABLE GOODS	82.8	82.4	82.6	+400	+200	330.02	319.95	40.1	40.5	8.23	7.90
LUMBER/FURNITURE	3.4	3.4	3.4	-	-	387.44	378.51	40.4	40.7	9.59	9.30
STONE-CLAY-GLASS	1.7	1.7	1.7	-	-	415.60	397.60	40.0	40.0	10.39	9.94
PRIMARY METALS	5.5	5.4	5.3	+100	+200	406.30	393.76	42.5	42.8	9.56	9.20
FABRICATED METALS	9.9	10.0	10.0	- 100	- 100	322.40	297.27	40.3	40.5	8.00	7.34
NONELECTRIC MACH.	6.0*	6.0*	5.9*	-	+100	450.11	436.59	43.7	44.1	10.30	9.90
ELECTRICAL MACHINERY	12.0	12.0	12.1	-	- 100	297.20	299.83	38.9	40.3	7.64	7.44
TRANSPORTATION EQUIP.	9.3	9.1	9.5	+200	- 200	440.76	422.24	40.4	40.6	10.91	10.40
INSTRUMENTS	5.0*	5.0*	4.9*	-	+100	327.24	326.28	40.5	42.1	8.08	7.75
JEWELRY-SILVERWARE	24.2	24.0	23.8	+200	+400	264.80	252.40	39.7	40.0	6.67	6.31
MISCELLANEOUS MFG.	5.8	5.8	6.0	-	- 200	260.15	249.51	36.9	35.9	7.05	6.95
NONDURABLE GOODS	38.3	38.0	37.8	+300	+500	334.67	324.01	39.7	40.4	8.43	8.02
FOOD-BEVERAGE	3.4	3.3	3.3	+100	+100	292.93	272.54	36.8	37.8	7.96	7.21
TEXTILES	10.5	10.5	10.4	-	+100	304.67	293.04	40.3	40.7	7.56	7.20
APPAREL	3.2	3.1	3.2	+100	-	287.29	279.22	41.1	41.8	6.99	6.68
PAPER PRODUCTS	2.5	2.5	2.5	-	-	319.96	303.66	42.1	42.0	7.60	7.23
PRINTING-PUBLISHING	6.9	6.9	6.8	-	+100	432.06	428.67	38.0	39.4	11.37	10.88
CHEMICAL PRODUCTS	3.0	3.0	3.1	-	- 100	439.19	433.54	41.2	40.9	10.66	10.60
RUBBER PRODUCTS	1.4	1.4	1.3	-	+100	342.37	333.22	41.2	41.6	8.31	8.01
PLASTICS PRODUCTS	5.1	5.0	4.9	+100	+200	322.70	315.97	38.6	40.2	8.36	7.86
LEATHER PRODUCTS	2.3	2.3	2.3	-	-	234.43	215.90	39.4	38.9	5.95	5.55

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ported in Jewelry-Silverware (+400), followed by upturns in Primary Metals (+200), Nonelectrical Machinery and Instruments (+100 each). Contrary to this, annual job declines of 200 each were registered in Transportation Equipment and the Miscellaneous Manufacturing segment, while decreases of 100 each occurred in Fabricated Metals and Electrical Machinery. Employment in Lumber/Furniture and Stone-Clay-Glass was unchanged from a year ago.

Among the Nondurable Goods producing industries, monthly advances of 100 each were posted in Food-Beverage, Apparel and Plastics Products. Payroll levels in the remaining Nondurable Goods industries showed no change in the August-September period. On an annual comparison, the largest employment increase (+200) was recorded in Plastics Products, followed by upturns of 100 each in Food-Beverage, Textiles, Printing-Publishing and Rubber Products. In contrast, employment in Chemical Products fell by 100, while the remaining Nondurable Goods industries were unchanged for the twelve month period.

NONMANUFACTURING

Total employment in Rhode Island's Nonmanufacturing sector rose by 1,300 from August to September, largely the result of seasonal hiring in Trade, Services and Government. The current total of 331,000 is 5,400 jobs greater than the September 1986 level of 325,600.

Within the Nonmanufacturing sector, payroll levels in Wholesale and Retail Trade, at 102,300, and Services, at 111,700, posted monthly gains of 300 and 400, respectively. Compared to a year ago, the former industry was up 1,200, while the latter advanced by 2,500. Overall Government employment rose by 700 during the month, primarily due to education-related gains in the state and local segments. At 56,800, this category was 100 below the year earlier level. Employment in Contract Construction increased 100 from the prior month to a level of 19,400 and showed an upturn of 1,100 compared to September 1986. Transportation and Public Utilities jobs remained at the August total of 15,300, but were 200 above the figure recorded a year ago. Although payroll levels in Finance, Insurance and Real Estate fell 200 from last month, the current job total of 25,500 represents a gain of 500 from the September 1986 level.

HOURS AND EARNINGS

Average hourly earnings for Rhode Island's production workers increased by 2 cents to $8.30 in mid-September. This represents a 36 cent per hour gain compared to a year ago. The average work week increased by 0.1 of an hour in September to 40.0 hours. However, this is 0.5 of an hour less than the September 1986 work week. Average weekly earnings for these workers amounted to $332.00 in September, representing an increase of $1.63 from last month and a gain of $10.43 from a year ago.

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